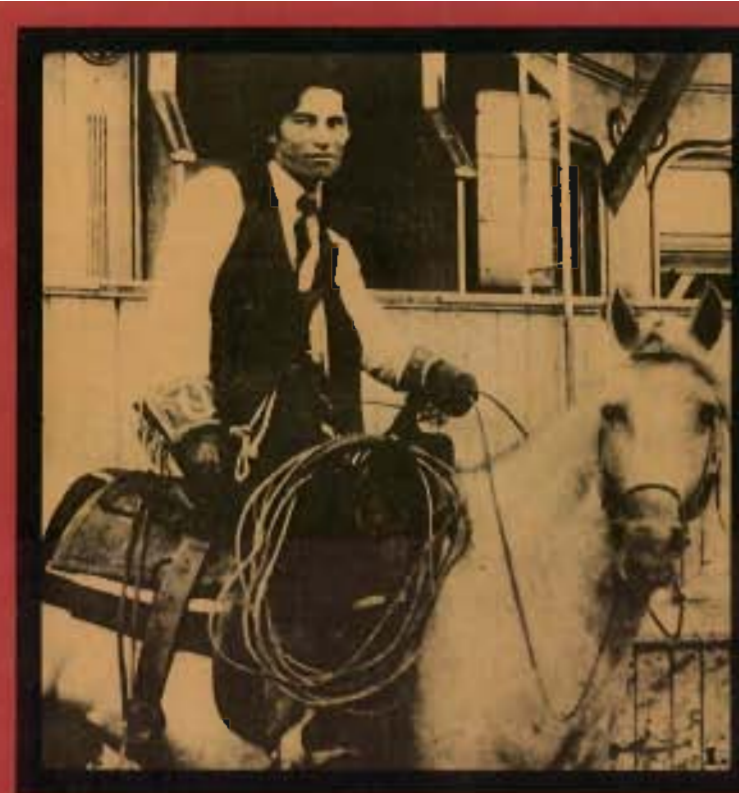
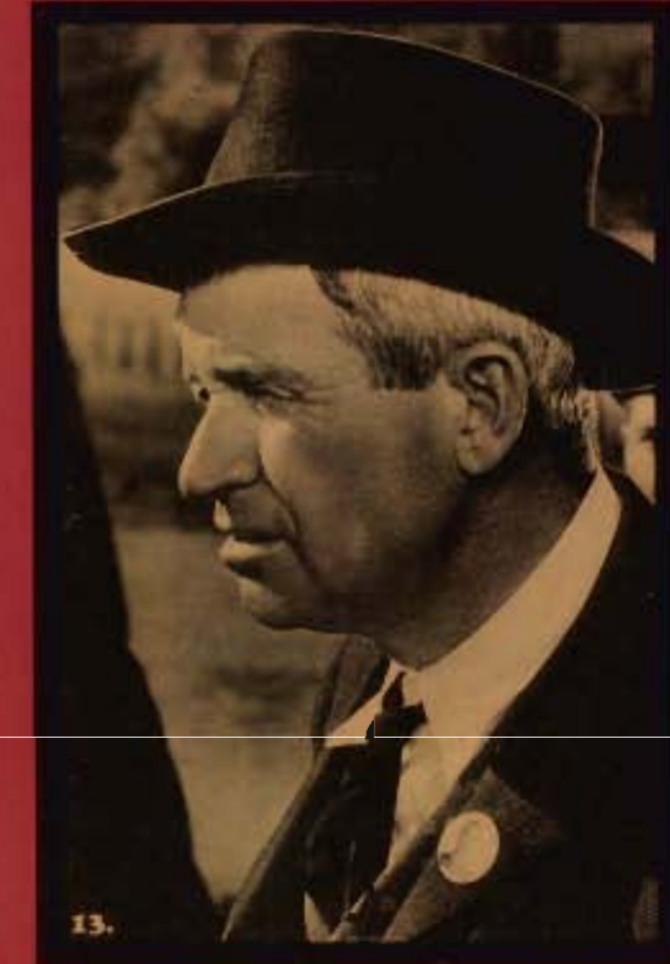
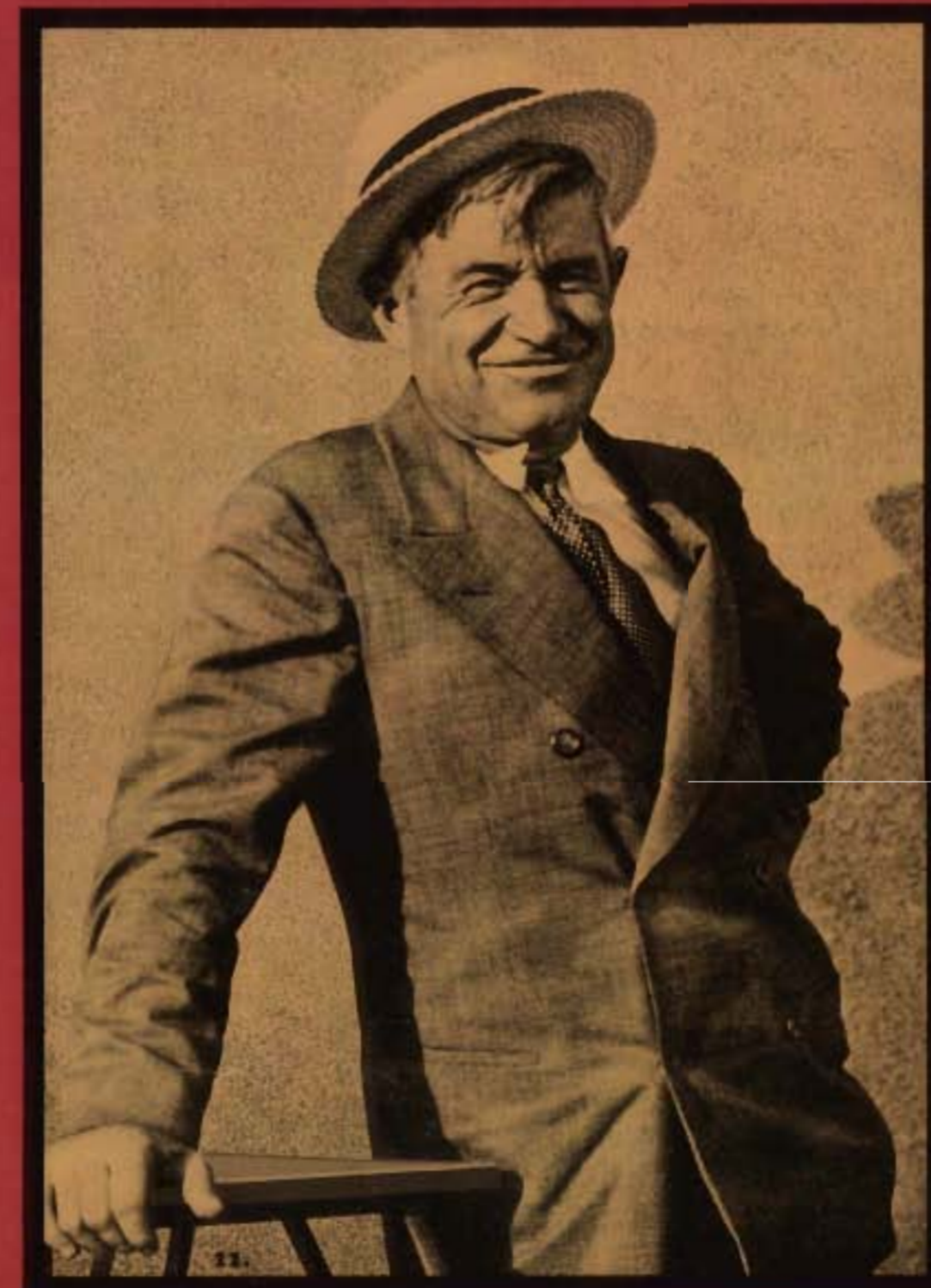




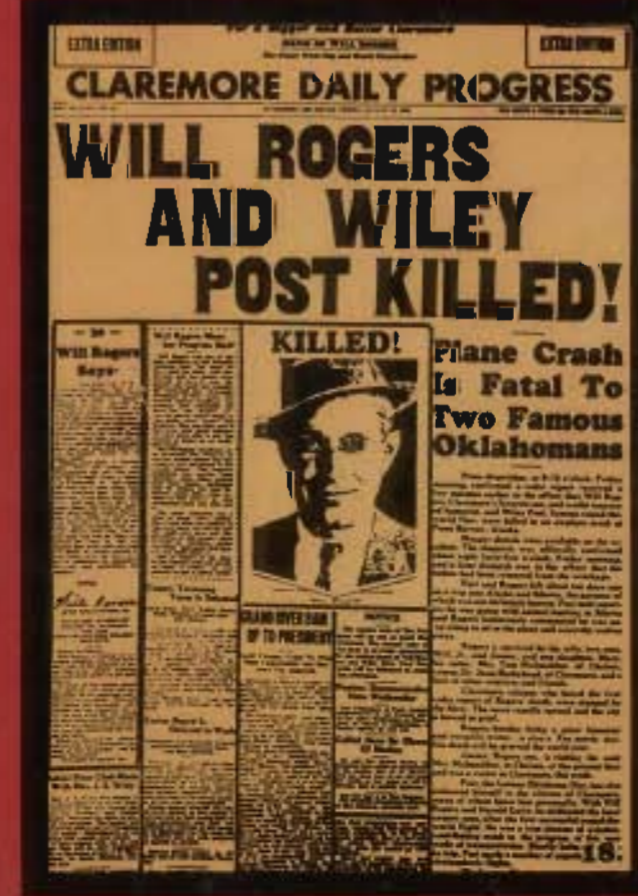
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Will Rogers Centennial 1879-1979



There is no better way to show the heritage of Oklahoma than through her most famed favorite son, Will Rogers. His name is synonymous with good feelings, good cheer and love for his fellow man. And Will Rogers is synonymous with Oklahoma. It was 100 years ago, 1879, that Will was born on a ranch near Oologah, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory. His birthplace still stands and is open to the public. In nearby Claremore, a half-million visitors annually come to the shrine memorializing this great entertainer, philosopher and humanitarian. Throughout our state—our nation—there are schools, streets, hospitals, parks and activities named in honor of Will Rogers. It is most fitting that we pay tribute to Will Rogers on this centennial year of his birth. It is appropriate that we give a rebirth to him within ourselves, and share his heritage with our neighbors. As you travel Oklahoma highways, we invite you to stop for a while, enjoy our hospitality, our heritage and our love for Will Rogers.



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* For complete activity and facility information contact: OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND RECREATION, 304 WILL ROGERS BLDG., OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73106.

- The glamor and bright lights of show business have readily captured a youthful Will Rogers in 1906 as he appeared at the St. Louis World's Fair with Zach Mulhall's Wild West Show.
- "Swinging a rope is all right...when your neck aches." New York City, 1905, and the launching of a vaudeville career.
- Rogers retained his country wit and demeanor despite being surrounded by the most dazzling spectacle of times: the Ziegfeld Follies. Will is pictured here on Ziegfeld stage in 1916.
- Rogers never lost his love for the horses and cattle of his ranching youth. Roping events were commonplace at Rogers' Santa Monica home.
- Always an advocate of aviation, Rogers utilized his powerful pen in promoting air travel's ultimate destiny. In 1928, Rogers became the first civilian to fly in a U.S. airmail plane.
- Will's disarming country mannerisms belied an uncanny wit and ability to find the essential truth in the most complicated issues of the times.
- An epoch in modern journalism appeared in the New York Times entertainment section on December 2, 1922, when Rogers composed his first weekly newspaper column.
- To some, it seemed Will Rogers could rope anything as verified in this scene from the 1922 movie, "The Roping Fool."
- Listening to Will Rogers became a Sunday night ritual after Will aired his first Gulf Oil Company radio broadcast on April 30, 1933.
- "All I know is what I read in the papers..." Rogers always a newspaper addict, catches up on his reading between scenes during filming of "Mr. Skitch."
- Will Rogers—the voice and conscience of a nation—will be remembered for his wit and wisdom.
- "I was born bowlegged so I could sit on a horse." Will enjoyed polo matches at the Santa Monica ranch.
- The Rogers brand of humor seemed tailored for the expanding art of cinema. Will affixed a stern eye to the filming of "County Chairman" in 1934-35.
- Stardom seemed Will's destiny, shown here during the filming of "Life Begins at Forty" in 1935.
- Will's engaging personality complimented the beauty of Anne Shirley in "Stambot Round The Bend."
- Rogers never lost his ability to instantly relax...even in the hectic surroundings of a movie set.
- Will Rogers and Wiley Post, both Oklahomans and both true pioneers of their times, prepare to depart Fairbanks, Alaska, on August 15, 1935. It would prove to be a fatal flight.
- Mankind lost a friend that day.

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Front Cover: Will Rogers portrait, State Capitol Rotunda, Charles Banks Wilson.
Back Cover: Will Rogers Birthplace, near Claremore, Oklahoma.